questioning facts. Our officers are supervising and there is a greater guarantee under the ordinary conditions that these articles will be used for the purpose for which they are intended.

Lastly the attack was that the quality of the stuff has deteriorated. Unless instances are given I cannot effectively answer. I do not concede it, but join issue with the Hon'ble Member for Vadakkancheri in this point.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, whether it is possible to split it up, the subsidy and the other things? May I know how much of this amount represents subsidy?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Rs. 15,939.

Mr. President: I think it is proper to move motion as a reduction the allotmen by that amount.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* I move that the grant be reduced by Rs. 15,900 representing the amount given as subsidy to the Cochin Restaurants.

Cut Motion put and lost

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* A poll, Sir,

Ayes

1. Mr. C. V. Iyyu	2. Mr. Ephraim Ouseph
3. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar	4. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon.
5. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan	6. Mr. C. K. Nayar
7. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon	8. Mr. K. Narayana Menon
9. Mr. Thomas Karikkasseri	10. Mr. C. K. S. Moni

Noes

1. Mr. K. T. Achuthan	2. Mr. K. S. Panickar
3. Mr. A. B. Salem	4. Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan
5. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim	6. Mr. George Panikulam
7. Mr. N. V. Subbarayan Chettiar	8. Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu
9. Rama Varmha Tampuran	10. Mr. M. Sivarama Menon
11. Mr. B. V. K. Menon	12. Mr. C. J. Mathew
13. Khan Shib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur	14. Mr. S. Venkateswaran
15. Rao Sahib M. M. Paul	16. Mr. P. V. Raphael.
17. Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon	18. Rao Sahib I. N. Menon
19. Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese	

Mr. President: 10 for the motion and 19 against. The motion is lost

Demand put and carried

97. Rs. 41,108 under "39-3 (a)—Food Supplies—Establishment"

98. Rs. 6,465 under "39-3 (a)—Food Supplies—Dearness Allowance"

99. Rs. 22,500 under "39-3 (a)—Food Supplies—Travelling Allowance"

100. Rs. 1,16,513 under "39-3 (a)—Food Supplies—Other Charges"

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Sir, I rise to move for additional allotments of Rs. 41, 108 under "39-3 (a)—Food Supplies—Establishment", Rs. 6,465 under "39-3 (a)—Food Supplies—Dearness Allowance", Rs. 22,500 under "39-3 (a)—Food Supplies —Travelling Allowance", and Rs. 1,16,513 under "39-3 (a)—Food Supplies—Other Charges".

The additional expenditure is required consequent on the additional hands sanctioned for the Department. Numerous additional clerks and officers were sanctioned. I request that the House may be pleased to grant the allotments.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* There was a cut motion that was not considered proper under the previous head. I remember, Sir, from my notes to have sent this cut motion under the head "Establishment Charges".

Mr. President: From the file it is seen otherwise. The Hon'ble Member has no right whatever to question the correctness of the statement without being certain of his facts.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I did not mean that.

Mr. President: If the Hon'ble Member did not mean to question the correctness of the statement, what did he mean? He could not have meant anything else.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I am so sorry, Sir, that what is not in my mind is understood by the Chair unfortunately. I did not question that. I accept the position and as far as this motion is concerned to the extent to which the amount relates to rent running to a huge amount of Rs. 60,000 which partly is made up of rent and several amounts paid to the Fair Price Shops unnecessarily run by Government, I oppose that portion.

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member for Food Supplies will please state what this figure for rent is made up of.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* It is mainly godown rents. It is possible that rent for Fair Price Shops is also included.

Mr. President: You can't say how much?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* No Sir. It includes some amount for rent for the Fair Price Shops.

Mr. President: Will the Hon'ble Member kindly give me the details which make up this sum of Rs. 60,00, and state how much is intended for Fair Price Shops?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The amount for Fair Price Shops comes to only about Rs. 280.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* The Administration report of the Supply Department put into our hands in 118 shows very nearly 100 Fair Price Shops run by the Government in the various parts of the State and when we are told that the rent for all these shops is only Rs. 280....

Mr. President.— This is a demand for a supplementary grant and obviously doesn't include the rent of all the Fair Price Shops.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Rs. 280 is the supplementary demand for meeting the rent charges of these Fair Price Shops.

Mr. President.— The rent of some of Fair Price Shops.

Mr. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May not be for all. So as rent on Fair Price Shops alone we had to spent in the year 1120 a pretty large amount because it is very well known that no shop is available for small rents the purpose for which it is taken,—*i. e.*, for stocking rice and other commodities, sufficiently spacious, sufficiently strong and all that at least a minimum of Rs. 10 even in the country parts are being paid and in certain areas larger amounts. My case, Sir, is that these Fair Price Shops are run by Government unnecessarily in very many areas. I do concede that there are areas in the State, very few areas in the State, where ordinary shop-keepers may not be going for a license undertaking the responsibility of selling the stock to the ration-card holders. But they are a limited number. The reverse is the case in very many places where many Fair Price Shops exist now. There are persons willing to take up this work on the conditions laid down by Government for such work. My case, Sir, is that these Fair Price Shops are unnecessary in places where there are licensed shop-keepers who are prepared to undertake this work. In such places the Fair Price Shops should be abolished. An establishment charge on an average of about Rs. 50 can be saved. The pay of the Manager, the Assistant the two Measureres, the lighting charges, all these will come to over Rs. 60 per month That is a saving that Government has necessarily effect in the matter of running this very useful department. Of course the 1118 Administration Report shows that the over-head charges come to a very pretty large amount. In the case of 1119 of course when the report is out we would know where these stand. The number of hands have increased in a large number, the establishment expenditure will be very high. If there is one pie to be saved the Government has to look into it, and this is one item. Therefore it is that I submit that this particular item of rent is something which is not to be allowed.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* On a point of information, Sir, I find in the notes here "the necessity for hiring fresh buildings and godowns is also felt very keenly". May I know how is it that the necessity for new buildings and new godowns is felt keenly at this particular point of time?

* Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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Mr. **President:** I suggest that the answer is that larger stocks of foodstuffs have to be stocked.

Mr. **V. K. Bhaskara** Menon *(Cranganur:)*: That is what I wanted to know.

Mr. President—That is self evident.

Mr. **K. Narayana** Menon *(Mulakkunnathukavu)*: It is stated here that officers are also appointed for the procurement of pulses from Hyderabad and purchase of jaggery from Madras Province. Are these officers continuing there.

Rao Sahib M. M. **Paul** *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes. They are continuing.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakkunnathukavu)*: May I know what their functions acre?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: They are procuring pulses.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakkunnathukavu)*: Do they purchase direct or do the local Governments purchase and hand it over to them?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: In Hyderabad there is a Government controlled Corporation. They sell it to us. The officers has to inspect it, arrange booking, etc.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: So also in Madras in regard to jaggery?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes. Jaggery and rice.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: We have got only generally one shop in one Panchayat area. On the whole there are about 100 shops. These shops are necessary because generally we find that retailers are unwilling to stock commodities on which they get only a small margin of profit. These are the institutions where all commodities are easily stocked and sold. Again, in some cases when we take desciplinary action the retailers show a tendency to suddenly withdraw from business and in such cases for emergent arrangements to be done for catering to all the cards these Fair Price Shops are necessary.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: Do you take security from them?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Security can be taken, but they don't care much about it. Inconvenience is felt and no risk can be taken. Again, with regard to certain commodities which are scarce, *viz.*, things like sugar, these are to be handled through Government agencies in the shops. For that also the existence of the shops is necessary. Their abolition is not desirable.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I don't press the motion.

Demands put and carried

101. Rs. 3,150 under "23—Medical Proper—Bedding and Clothing"

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 3,150 under "23—Medical—1—Medical Proper—Bedding and Clothing". The allotment under this head was not found sufficient to enable the Government to give uniforms to all the servants and an additional sum of Rs. 3,150 is needed. I request the House may be pleased to grant this sum.

Demand put and carried

102. Rs. 1,000 under "23—Medical—2—Mental Hospital—Miscellaneous"

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,000 under "23-Medical—2—Mental Hospital—Miscellaneous". This is necessary on account of the increase in the cost of articles. The budgetted allotment was not sufficient. I request the House may be pleased to grant this additional allotment.

Demand put and carried

103. Rs. 300 under "17—Medical—Miscellaneous (Cranganur)"

104. Rs. 10 under "17—Medical—Travelling Allowance—(Craganur)"

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Sir, I move for additional allotments of Rs. 300 under "17— ledical—Miscellaneous—(Cranganur)" and Rs. 10 under "17—Medical—Travelling Allowance (Cranganur)". I request the House may be pleased to grant these allotments.

Demands put and carried

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